

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, after the third paragraph ending on line 25, which includes "sector.", please insert the following paragraph:

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- As indicated above, components of the refractory shaped bodies, such as the refractory metal oxide components, are well known in the prior art. However, prior art references disclosing a particular refractory composition for the production of refractory bricks are set forth below, including US 5,382,555, to which reference may be made. Likewise, notice should also be taken of US 5,338,711 to determine the oxide components of the refractory body.--.

Page 5, after line 24, which includes "alkali resistance.", please insert the following paragraph:

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- Furthermore, as disclosed below, the object of the invention is to provide a homogenously fired clay-containng refractory shaped body with improved alkali resistance without defects in the microstructure in terms of a black core, and a method of producing same.--.